



Guidance about the Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) and Workplaces

A lot of information about the corona virus (novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) has been circulating in the last few weeks. While some of this information emanates from valid and reliable sources, incorrect information is also regrettably being very widely spread.

OHSa has been receiving numerous requests for information about the measures which should be taken at the workplace. In consultation with the Department of Health, which is deemed the competent authority on infectious diseases and situations that have an impact on public health, OHSa would like to emphasize that the measures which should be taken at workplaces are the same as those taken each year against the influenza virus which is usually prevalent at this time of year. There is no evidence that any different or additional measures are necessary.

1. All persons in all workplaces should cover their mouth and nose when they sneeze or cough, and preferably use a disposable tissue which should be thrown away after use.
2. Hands should be frequently washed well with soap and water or alcohol wipes are used instead.
3. Hand contact with the mouth, nose or eyes should be avoided.
4. Close contact with other persons, especially if they have symptoms of a cold should also be avoided.
5. It should be ensured that rooms used by workers or any meeting rooms have adequate ventilation and circulation of air.
6. Workers suffering from flu symptoms, are required to stay at home until they feel better and are without symptoms.

It should be emphasised that there is no evidence in support of wearing face masks to cover the mouth and nose as a matter of routine.

For more information about the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) issued by the Department of Health, please visit their website:

<https://deputyprimeminister.gov.mt/.../Pages/pressreleases201...>

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